

## Life Cycle Base Line Sub-Committee

### Eighth Meeting : 24<sup>th</sup> September 2004

#### Attendees :

Cllr E Woodburn (Chair)  
A MacMillan  
J Knox  
Mr A Whittaker  
Rev J Hetherington  
P Kane  
A MacMillan  
Prof. S Jones  
Mr R Hargreaves  
Cllr. McCarron Holmes  
P Barlow  
G. Williams

Apologies were given from Ms S Williams, Mrs F Wilson, Mr F McMorrow, Mr P McKenna, Mr K Thompson, R Roper, Mrs S Brown, Mr P Shawcross, Mr. P Hallington, Mr A Mayell (watching brief). John Knox will attend meetings on behalf of Rosie Mathison.

#### **1. Feedback from 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Comments included : Poor attendance especially the general public. Questioned if this was due to advertising or lack of interest. Need to communicate big issues (this is next phase). Positive comments that the information had been helpful and had successfully communicated messages. Catchier/punchy headline for the day to grab attention. Perhaps more focused advertising. Hold the event at a weekend, weekday has certain implications. Need community to identify big issues - people attended interested in jobs, hazard reduction, slight interest in waste storage. (Item 5)  
Information and event was well organised and information was beneficial.

**ACTION** - Report on exact numbers at the event.

Lessons learnt : This was not far up on people's priority, do not seem to be too worried at the moment.

#### **2. Other Events**

Suggestion of holding next event on a Saturday, simple movable stall that can be set up to inform of LCBL and distribute literature with people on hand to answer questions.

- library
- parish councils as requested
- schools perhaps through existing events and the youth council
- community empowerment network
- CEA groups - neighbour hood forum. (2 month notice)
- broadcast media - radio debate **ACTION** on Amac to discuss with Press Office suggestion from JK to encourage a debate on Radio Cumbria with promotion of what events are happening.
- Promotion radio, article in Whitehaven news promoting an open day rather than "meeting".
- Alternate locations more central.

**ACTION** - Group to identify events in area with dates where message of LCBL could be promoted. (Area community dates – to be requested from Dave Smith – Neighbourhood Forum Officer - CCC)

Requirement to co-ordinate messages and format, tailoring these to suit audience. Noted there were many public consultations, LCBL, Annual Plan (NDA) and documents in the public domain, there is potential to confuse the person on the street as to who is producing what and deciding what is of interest to public.

Requirement to identify how effective the NDA will be at listening to the local community. Group expressed a need to understand how the NDA is going to engage and what level of consultation and influence the local community (and this group) will have.

Requirement to ensure feedback is given to those who express opinion, provide suggestions or have queries etc. Essential to inform persons how their comments are being processed, developed and used appropriately.

**ACTION** - EW/SW to invite Carol Berwick to a LCBL sub-committee (01946 61630 – WLR Tel No.).

### **3 Brochure**

Suggest distribute to library and post-offices, CCC have a list and will distribute.

**ACTION** - A.Mac & Rosina Robinson to liaise with JH to distribute brochure.

Q : Is this available in bigger print and talking pages. Confirm brochure on web-site (pdf) **ACTION** A.Mac to feedback to LCBL Group.

Intention to take brochure to talk sessions to distribute, sending out a brochure to any gaps in the programme that are not able to hold session or would rather hard-copy information only.

Comment was made about the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg date. The date as shown in the brochure is consistent with the current LCBL however this date is likely to change in the next edition.

### **4 Publication of next years LCBL - UKAEA & BNFL**

UKAEA were not represented, therefore an update was not reported at this meeting.

PB informed the group the deadline for the LCBL for Drigg and Calder was the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept- these were on target to be produced. A request to delay the Sellafield LCBL in light of recent major changes in funding levels as requested by the NDA, has been accepted. The delivery date for the Sellafield LCBL is now the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

There has been an issue regarding security when the LCBL are placed in the public domain. Encouraged to remove Building No's. There will be two halves to the document - restrictive and non-restrictive. Only the non-restrictive part will be made available (predicted early December). An executive summary for each will also be prepared.

**ACTION** - A.Mac to send previous Executive Summaries to John Knox.

**ACTION** - Group to identify and raise issues coming out of the Executive Summaries that may be of interest to the community. These to be distributed before the next meeting

Noted currently mostly information giving not engaging at the moment. This will begin when information has been successfully conveyed to an agreed level.

Q : When the next LCBL issues how will the community be given an opportunity to engage. Managing the expectations of public influence and input.

Q : NDA Bill require stakeholder engagement. How will this be weighted and who will take the lead?

Q : Will interests and views be recognised and acknowledged?

**ACTION** : Invitation to NDA to attend meeting, collate Q's and agree objective of meeting and key messages at pre - meeting

**ACTION** : PB to distribute next LCBL graphics as produced (A.Mac to circulate to group)

## 5 Next meeting : How to select issues for stakeholder engagement.

**ACTION** : EW & SW co-ordinate a presentation based on information to deliver to community groups. Present at the next LCBL sub-committee.

Issues – what is the NDA? Role of NDA etc...employee changes, risks, how & why choices being made (feedback), less discharges, how can we influence, biggest hazards on site, new build. Handling local waste v national repository (not in depth concern)

PB informed the group of NDA prioritisation plans. They will be looking at contractors prioritisation when bidding for work e.g. safety, hazard reduction, environment, keeping to programme, value for money, operations but also policy. Many things will be factored in to allow them to decide how and where to spend money.

PB stated promotion of new build is not within the remit of the NDA. There is no current policy of new build in the UK Govt policy at present and this may be outwith the scope of the LCBL therefore not an issue to directly address. Need to be careful as there has been no decision if this group should support directly. There have been sites stating happy to be site of any new build but this will be future plans. This is not part of the LCBL but could be argued is part of end point and future uses of the site. Option of keeping the site available for future use and this raises the question how far should de-commissioning reach before a decision is made. There are a number of future land use options. Replacement build however will influence future contracts on the commercial side of the business. The Unions are currently active lobbying for more reprocessing contracts to generate more money to allow faster decommissioning. This could perhaps be linked into gaining an idea of community support and interest but not as an issue falling directly from the NTWP's.

- Employment direction
- Greatest hazard, prioritisation
- Value for money
- Will community have any influence?
- Waste storage (CoRWM - no W Cumbria representation, 18 months for decision)
- Local v national waste repository
- Generation of waste stores affecting the visual aspect of the site
- Drigg replacements
- Site end points
- Future commercial operations

### *Local Issues*

- Drigg - road traffic
- Wastewater - water usage/extraction.

**ACTION** - JH to devise a decision/influence tree for plants on site, indicating the linkage and certain plant reliance. Useful to identify plants where choices which can be made about their future.

Challenge for NDA to come up with a more understandable phrase than LCBL!!

**Next meeting is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2004, 10.00 - 12.00 (lunch after the meeting) at Sellapark House. Future dates are currently scheduled for 29/10/04, 03/12/04, 14/01/05, 25/02/05, 25/03/05 at Sellapark House.**

## 6 AOB

SJ informed the group of the closure of the National Stakeholder Dialogue Group. Of the working groups remaining (business future & safety & Security) business future (looking at impact of NDA on BNFL) will be presenting a report on the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October (environment council). This report may be of special interest to this group. Earlier test frameworks have been distributed throughout the group. The information to be distributed to the group when available (perhaps for comment).

**ACTION** : SJ to present to the group once report has been accepted. (November/December meeting).